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Classified By: Political Counselor Mary T. Curtin, reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) PolExt Chief delivered reftel demarche December 1 to Krzysztof Plominski, Acting Director of MFA Middle East/Africa Department. Plominski acknowledged the U.S. position and expressed similar concerns over the undemocratic candidate selection process for Assembly of Experts and the "circular nature" of the Iranian electoral system. However, he did note that President Ahmadinejad had won by a wide margin in relatively free and fair elections, suggesting that one should not be overly optimistic regarding the will of the Iranian electorate.

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